

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Appl. No. | : | Unknown   |                        |
| Filed     | : | Herewith  |                        |
| For       | : | ADJUSTABLE PAD FOR SUPPORTING<br>HANDS AND ARMS |                        |
| Examiner  | : | Unknown   |                        |

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to make the present application special and to advance the present application for examination based upon Applicant's age in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) based upon Applicant's age. As set forth in the attached Declaration by Warren N. Root, Applicant is 72 years of age, which is greater than the 65 years of age required in MPEP § 708.02. Therefore, Applicant is entitled to have this petition granted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), no fee is required for this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: JANUARY 21, 2004

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**DECLARATION OF WARREN N. ROOT IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER MPEP § 708.02**

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

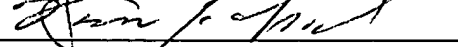
I, Warren N. Root, declare as follows:

- (1) I am the inventor of the invention described in the above-identified patent application for which I have executed an application for a patent on even date herewith;
- (2) I reside at 24921 Muirlands, Unit 112, Lake Forest, California 92630;
- (3) I was born on April 19, 1931; and
- (4) As of the date of execution of this declaration, I am 72 years old.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1-20-04

By:   
Warren N. Root